

SLASHED WAY  
TO FREEDOMMurderers Escaped at Ports-  
mouth, Va., Today.

## AWAITING ELECTROCUTION

They Were Accompanied by Third Pri-  
oner, and the Trio Are Believed to  
Have Stabbed Man Whose Body  
Was Found Near Jail.

Portsmouth, Va., March 30.—Two murder-  
ers, John Parker and William Smith, who  
were awaiting electrocution for their  
crimes, cut the bars of the mur-  
derers' cage early today and escaped  
together with one other prisoner. A  
posse with bloodhounds is now following  
the trail of the fugitives.

That murder was committed by the  
three in their flight is indicated by the  
discovery this morning of the body of  
James Barber of Portsmouth near the  
jail. His heart had been split by a knife  
thrust. It is believed that Barber tried  
to give the alarm and that he was at-  
tacked by the fugitives and stabbed to  
death before he could sound the warning  
of their escape.

## KLAUS WON WITH KNOCKOUT.

Defeated Mantell in Ninth Round of  
the Bout at Boston.

Boston, March 30.—Frank Klaus, of  
Pawtucket, knocked out Frank Mantell  
of Pawtucket, in the ninth round of  
their bout at the Army Athletic as-  
sociation last night. Mantell had the  
advantage on points up to the middle  
of the sixth round, when an upper cut  
to the jaw put him down for the count.  
In the eighth, another upper cut drove  
him half way through the ropes, and a  
left hook brought the Pawtucket man  
to the mat. He struggled to his feet  
and managed to stay the round out.  
In the ninth, a succession of hard  
punches, followed by another right up-  
per cut to the jaw put Mantell out for  
keeps.

Mantell had Klaus all at sea in the  
early rounds, with a straight left jab,  
and his ability to land with both hands  
when in the clinches. He had his op-  
ponent's nose bleeding for five rounds,  
and blocked most of Klaus' leads, but  
the latter was playing a waiting game  
and was successful.

## BOUND FOR NAPLES.

Roosevelt Family Given Enthusiastic  
Send-Off.

Cairo, Egypt, March 30.—Ex-Presi-  
dent Roosevelt and family left here at  
9:45 today for Alexandria, from where  
they will sail for Naples, arriving Saturday.  
No demonstration occurred as a reminder of yester-  
day's unpleasantness. Crowds at the  
station gave the colonel an enthusiastic  
send-off. A personal representative from  
the khedive, presented Mrs. Roosevelt a  
bouquet, as a remembrance from the  
khedive. High officials explained that  
the demonstration yesterday was irre-  
sponsible in character.

## RESENTED THE HUG

And Sustained Broken Neck in the Fall  
with Huger.

Utica, N. Y., March 30.—Mrs. Estma  
Peck is in a local hospital with a broken  
neck and her left leg in a cast, as a  
result of an attempt to hug her. She  
was working near the top of a steep  
flight of stairs in her home when  
Stanley Copest, 25 years of age, a  
boarder, threw his arms about her.  
She pushed him from her and he fell  
dragging the woman with him down  
the entire flight. He was badly injured  
and was cared for by the police. The  
woman is the mother of several chil-  
dren. In a statement to the coroner,  
she refused to hold the young man to  
account for the accident.

## KILLED BY BREAD-MIXER.

Boston Baker Lost Life Among His Ma-  
chinery.

Boston, March 30.—Giuseppe Vitano,  
a baker employed by Angelo de Rosa,  
at 3 Hanover street, was caught in a  
motor-driven bread mixing machine  
yesterday and so severely injured that  
he died in an ambulance on the way to  
the Relief hospital.

Vitano was 45 years old and mar-  
ried. He lived at 80 Webster street,  
East Boston.

## INHABITANTS TERROR STRICKEN.

Huge Stream of Lava Sweeping Down  
on City—Ashes Six Inches Deep.

Catania, Sicily, March 30.—The in-  
habitants are in a state of terror as the  
result of a huge lava stream from thirty  
craters, which is sweeping down upon  
the city. Fresh craters are opening  
daily. Ashes from the volcano, which  
is twenty miles away, cover the streets  
of the city today to a depth of half  
a foot. All vegetation between here  
and the mountain is destroyed.

## MISSIONARY KILLED.

And Uprising in Liberia is Spreading  
Alarmingly.

Liverpool, March 30.—Advises from  
Liberia say that the native uprising is  
spreading. Residences of the whites are  
believed to be in peril. Rev. E. R.  
Speart, a foreign missionary, has been  
assassinated. The foreign legations have  
been thrown open for the refugees.

## EXPLORERS HONORED.

At Luncheon in New York—Many Not-  
ables Present.

New York, March 30.—Commodore  
Peary and Lieutenant Shackleton were  
the guests of honor to-day at a lun-  
cheon given at Cherry's by Henry Clews.  
Many notables were present.

TWO CAPTURES  
AFTER FIGHTNew York Police Got Suspected Post-  
Office Thieves Who Robbed Rich-  
mond, Va., Postoffice.

New York, March 30.—Two men,  
charged by postal inspectors with rob-  
bing the postoffice at Richmond, Va.,  
some time between Saturday night and  
early Monday morning, were arrested  
at the Grand Central station last night.  
Both offered stubborn resistance and  
were not overpowered until they were  
knocked senseless. A third man es-  
caped. They were traced to New York  
by means of three trunks shipped from  
Richmond, with the seizure of which  
\$10,000 worth of the \$88,000 lot of  
stamps obtained in the robbery were  
recovered.

The prisoners gave the names of  
Frank Chester, 34 years old, of St. Paul,  
Minn., and Frederick Cunningham, 34  
years old. Cunningham maintains that  
he is a banker and that his home is  
in London, England.

Both men appeared at the Grand Cen-  
tral station late last night, accompanied  
by the third and unidentified man, who  
made his escape. Chester went inside,  
while Cunningham and the third man  
waited on the sidewalk. Chester called  
a boy, gave him a trunk and asked him  
to ascertain if the trunk was in the  
baggage room.

In the baggage room was stationed  
Joseph Daly, a central office detective,  
who had been called into the case by  
the federal authorities. He was guard-  
ing a suspected trunk and when the lad  
made inquiries for it, the detective fol-  
lowed him back, approaching Chester,  
who attempted to flee from the station.  
The detective grappled with him, but  
Chester is of powerful build and both  
men fell, struggling, to the floor. Women  
passengers screamed and a panic was  
created in the station until the officer  
subdued Chester with his club.

Meanwhile the two men stationed out-  
side, warned by the noise of the strug-  
gle, ran. Cunningham, however, was  
bowled over by two pedestrians and was  
quickly overpowered by the police.

Examination of the trunk revealed in  
addition to the \$30,000 worth of stamps,  
a set of burglar's tools described at  
headquarters as the finest ever brought  
to New York. They were also two  
32-caliber revolvers in the lot.

One of the three trunks had been  
shipped to the Avon hotel, 30th street  
and Lexington avenue, "in care of Charles  
Hatfield of Buffalo."

WEDDING WAS HELD  
DESPITE TRAGEDYTwo of Guests Killed and One Injured  
by Train While on Way to the  
Church in Waverly, Mass.,  
Last Night.

Waverly, Mass., March 30.—Two lives  
were lost in a grade crossing accident  
here last night, in which a carriage on  
the way to a wedding was struck by  
a train on the Fitchburg division of  
the Boston and Maine railroad, not 100  
yards from the church in which the cer-  
emony was to take place.

Charles A. Bryer of Center Harbor,  
N. H., brother-in-law of the bride, was  
killed, as was Ernest M. Harlow, a lo-  
cal carriage driver, and Mrs. Katherine  
M. Bryer, wife of the groom, and the  
bride's own sister was so seriously in-  
jured that she may die.

The church ceremony was not held,  
but the marriage was celebrated quietly  
in the home of George C. Flett, chair-  
man of the Waverly board of selectmen,  
father of the bride and of Mrs. Bryer.  
In another room while the ceremony  
was taking place, Mrs. Bryer was  
suffering from three fractured ribs, a  
dislocated shoulder, and possibly internal  
injuries. The principals in the wed-  
ding were Miss Helen R. Flett and  
Leonard C. Harlow of Reading.

The tragedy in which Mr. and Mrs.  
Bryer were driving to the First Congrega-  
tional church, where the wedding was  
to take place, was struck fairly in the  
body by an express from Boston to  
Robertson, a station just beyond Wal-  
tham.

While the horse which was drawing  
the vehicle passed without a scratch,  
the carriage itself was splintered and  
its three occupants buried from it.

Mr. Bryer was carried on the cov-  
erlet for nearly 200 yards before the  
train was brought to a stop. Harlow's  
body was tossed to one side, where he  
was picked up and hurried to the sta-  
tion. He died there a few minutes lat-  
er. Mrs. Bryer was thrown to the ground  
not far from the accident.

Beside the victims and scattered along  
the rails were the bouquets of flowers  
which Mr. and Mrs. Bryer were bring-  
ing to the wedding. Intended as offerings  
of joy, they served as decorations for  
the dead.

Martin Newmeyer, the aged crossing  
tender, claims that Harlow drove his  
carriage under the descending bars,  
which guard the railroad crossing at  
Temple road after Newmeyer had  
sounded the warning gong. The horse  
reached the second of the two tracks  
when the oncoming train, screeching its  
approach, struck the light buggy. The  
gatekeeper helplessly watched the trag-  
edy, unable to assist those who had dis-  
regarded his efforts to keep them from  
danger.

Mrs. Bryer was 25 years old and a  
native of Center Harbor, N. H. About  
eighteen months ago he came here and  
was married to Miss Katherine M. Flett.  
Ernest M. Harlow was 26 years old  
and unmarried. He leaves a widowed  
mother on Frank avenue, Waverly.

## KING MENELIK

OFFICIALLY DEAD

He Died on Sunday, but News Was Sup-  
pressed to Permit Regent to Gather  
an Army.

London, March 30.—A dispatch from  
Addis Ababa, capital of Abyssinia, says  
that King Menelik died Sunday. The  
report of his death was delayed, to en-  
able Ras Tseama, the regent, to assemble  
an army against attack by the troops  
of the deposed Empress Taitu.

HELD TODAY  
FOR MURDERWolter Was Arraigned in New  
York Court

## FOR KILLING WHEELER GIRL

It Required Only 33 Minutes for the  
Coroner's Jury to Bring Formal  
Charge Against the Man—Six  
Witnesses Heard.

New York, March 30.—Following a  
three-minute inquiry, the coroner's  
jury returned a verdict charging Albert  
W. Wolter with the murder of Ruth  
Wheeler. Six witnesses testified, in-  
cluding the victim's sister, Katie Mueller,  
the girl living with Wolter, Mr. Han-  
low, the coroner's physician, and two  
police men.

Evidence that may fix a motive for the  
crime was revealed yesterday in the  
findings of Prof. John H. Larkin of Col-  
umbia university. He reported that  
there were indications that the girl had  
been mistreated before being killed.

LAST CLAIMANT MAY  
BE MISSING BOYDaniel Blake Russell, No. 2, of San Fran-  
cisco Tells Details of Life in Mel-  
rose, Indicating That He Is  
True Claimant.

Boston, March 30.—Daniel Blake Rus-  
sell, No. 2, the new claimant to the  
Russell estate, has arrived in Boston  
from San Francisco and in a conference  
at the office of the counsel, William  
Odell, he is said to have told many de-  
tails of his life in Melrose, which indi-  
cate that he was really the boy who dis-  
appeared 25 years ago.

## HOPE FOR DEMOCRATS

Is Held Out by Woodrow Wilson of  
Princeton.

New York, March 30.—The political  
tide is now turning Democratic and the  
day when the Democratic party must  
take charge of this country's affairs is  
almost at hand, were declarations made  
by Woodrow Wilson, president of  
Princeton university, in a speech at the  
Democratic dinner in Elizabeth, N. J.,  
last night. Mr. Wilson said in part:  
"The signs and portents of the time  
are all certainly most encouraging to  
those who believe that the Democratic  
party can be serviceable to the coun-  
try at this juncture of its affairs. It  
would seem that everywhere the  
thought of men who are anxious for  
the welfare of the country, is turning  
against the present politics and purposes  
of the Republican party and that the  
day when the Democratic party must  
take charge of affairs is almost at hand.  
But it would be a great mistake to con-  
sider these circumstances as merely a  
party opportunity."

"Let us ask ourselves first then what  
our standards are. Why do we assure  
ourselves that we can advise and lead  
the country better than the Republi-  
cans can?"

## ORR-WOOD CASE SETTLED.

Parties in the Breach of Promise Suit  
Reach Agreement.

Boston, March 30.—It was made pub-  
lic yesterday that final settlement had  
been made of the suits brought by Mari-  
on Orr for breach of promise and for  
assault and of that brought by her fa-  
ther, Charles H. Orr, for loss of her ser-  
vices, against William H. Wood of Boston  
and Portland. The terms of settlement  
were not disclosed, but it is understood  
that a substantial amount was paid.

Charles H. Orr said last night that one  
of the terms of agreement was that noth-  
ing was to be said about the settlement.  
Miss Orr was awarded \$40,000 by the  
jury for breach of promise and \$1,000  
for assault, and her father \$25,000. Ne-  
gotiations were conducted by H. V. Cun-  
ningham and Frank Adams, counsel for  
the defendant, with John P. Leahy and  
Frank Leahy, counsel for the plaintiffs.

## DIED OF APOPLEXY.

Z. T. Austin was Well-Known Contract-  
or and Builder of Burlington.

Burlington, March 30.—Z. T. Austin,  
aged 80 years, a well-known contractor  
and builder, died this morning of apoplexy  
after a short illness with grippe. He  
was a native of Cambridge. His  
son, F. L. Austin, is a leading architect  
in Burlington.

## STONE FIRM IN TROUBLE.

Ely Marble Company of East Dorset  
Forced by Creditors.

Rutland, March 30.—An involuntary  
petition in bankruptcy has been filed  
with Clerk F. S. Platt of the United  
States court against the Ely Marble  
company of East Dorset. The petitioning  
creditors are the Norcross-West  
Marble company, the Dorset Marble  
company, and J. M. Griffith.

## 2,000 AT WHITE HOUSE.

All Anxious to Shake Hands with Presi-  
dent—Several Women Fainted.

Washington, D. C., March 30.—Two  
thousand enthusiastic men, women and  
children stormed the White House to-  
day to shake hands with President Taft.  
In the crush, several women fainted.

## RISE ON MEAT DISHES.

In Hotels Decided Upon by Union, Be-  
ginning April 1.

New York, March 30.—The hotel  
men's union has decided to increase the  
price on all meat dishes on their menus  
April 1. This follows advances by the  
retail and wholesale meatmen.

VERMONT MAN  
SNATCHED CHILDFrom Arms of Its Mother in Street at  
East Boston—Allen T. Ball of  
North Troy in Exciting Ex-  
perience.

Boston, March 30.—Snatched from the  
arms of its mother while the latter  
was walking along West Eagle street,  
East Boston, about 4:15 yesterday af-  
ternoon, little Evelyn L. Ball, who will  
be two years old on May 16, was taken  
by Allen T. Ball of North Troy, Vt.,  
who legally adopted the child on Dec.  
9, of last year. Ball and the child are  
supposed to have returned to North  
Troy.

Since the adoption of the child by  
Mr. Ball, Evelyn's mother, Miss Letitia  
Nickerson, of 66 West Eagle street,  
East Boston, had been to North Troy  
to see the baby in February and brought  
Evelyn back to East Boston. She had  
supposed until yesterday that Mr. Ball  
did not care to act as the child's guar-  
dian any longer.

The taking of the child by Mr. Ball  
from the arms of its mother, the faint-  
ing of Miss Nickerson, the securing of  
a team by Ball, in which to get away  
as quickly as possible, a chase in an  
automobile, with some 300 men, women  
and children following both team and  
automobile, made one of the liveliest  
scenes witnessed in East Boston in a  
long time.

Ball appeared to the police and showed  
papers at the police station, which  
proved that he was the lawful guardian  
of the child.

Miss Nickerson says she was startled  
by the strong arms of a man tugging  
at Evelyn, whom she held in her arms,  
and that a second man was holding her  
tight so that she could not move.

She saw Ball with Evelyn in his  
arms, run down West Eagle street, to-  
ward Meridian, and into the latter  
street, her mother in chase. When Ball  
had got out of sight, Miss Nickerson  
says that the man holding her, let go  
and she faints. Her mother continued  
the chase and saw Ball and his two com-  
plices jump into a produce wagon with  
the child and head down Meridian street.

Hailing a chauffeur near the corner  
of West Eagle and Meridian streets,  
Mrs. Nickerson directed him to follow.  
Weak from the run, Mrs. Nickerson  
then fainted. Patrolman Reagan joined  
in the chase, jumping into the auto.  
The fleeing Ball was soon overhauled.

An immense crowd had been attracted,  
the square being black with men, wom-  
en and children. Capt. Brickley de-  
fied after seeing Mr. Ball's papers and  
bearing his story, that it was not a po-  
lice case and allowed Mr. Ball, who had  
a tight grip on Evelyn, to get out  
a back way and through the tunnel.

Miss Nickerson says she was anxious  
but believing the baby would be better  
off in Vermont than with her in Bos-  
ton, she consented to the adoption and  
the papers were made out in the  
probate court in this city.

Last December she says the baby went  
to Vermont. When invited by Mr. and  
Mrs. Ball to see the child, she says the  
conditions in North Troy were not as  
represented and was surprised by Mr.  
and Mrs. Ball saying they wished she  
would again care for the child.

Miss Nickerson in consequence, said  
she brought Evelyn back and had re-  
ceived a letter from Mrs. Ball, in which  
it was suggested that Miss Nickerson  
bring legal proceedings, which would  
give her the lawful claim to the child.

FOUND HER SISTER  
HANGING IN ROOMMiss Augusta Bailey, Aged 50, a Suicide  
at Johnson Yesterday Afternoon,  
Was Probably Insane.

Johnson, March 30.—Miss Augusta  
Bailey, aged about 50 years, committed  
suicide by hanging yesterday afternoon.  
The cause of her act is unknown.

Miss Bailey was a dressmaker and  
lived in the village with a brother,  
Josiah Bailey, and an unmarried sister.  
The sister was out calling yesterday  
afternoon and upon her return could not  
find Augusta. After inquiring at the  
homes of neighbors without success she  
discovered the dead body hanging in  
her chamber. She had been dead about  
an hour.

The Baileys came to this place from  
Hypocrite about six years ago and  
their domestic relations were of a most  
harmonious character. Miss Augusta  
Bailey is understood to have attempted  
to take her own life several years ago  
and she probably committed her rash  
act yesterday in a fit of temporary in-  
sane. A sister, Mrs. Smith Hebb, al-  
so lives here.

## PAYS FINE OF \$1,000.

For Rebating While An Official of Wa-  
bash R. R.

New York, March 30.—David O. Ives,  
president of the board of trade of the  
Boston Merchants' association and for-  
mer traffic manager for the Wabash rail-  
road, pleaded guilty in the United States  
court yesterday to one count of an in-  
dultment, charging him with rebat-  
ing, while an official of the Wabash,  
to the Holland-American Steamship  
company. He was fined \$1,000, which he  
paid.

Ives is one of the five officers or former  
officers of the Wabash and Central Ver-  
mont railways indicted by Adrian  
Gips, manager in this country for the  
Holland-American company. Gips last  
week was fined \$4,000. Ives is the first  
of the railroad men to plead.

## MAY CLOSE PLANTS.

Because of Failure to Settle Bethel  
Quarrymen's Strike.

Bethel, March 30.—Frequent confer-  
ences of the granite manufacturers and  
the quarrymen's strike committee, of  
which the last was held Monday, have  
thus far failed of any definite result.  
Mr. Ellis made a proposal at Monday's  
conference, which was not acceptable to  
the committee. The effect of the quar-  
rymen's strike is beginning to be felt  
at the Woodbury company's shed, where  
the force has already been reduced by  
about 40 men, with the probability of  
a shut-down soon if an agreement be  
not reached with the quarrymen.

DIDN'T RISE;  
HE COULDN'TPat Starkey Had Passed Be-  
yond Earthly Summons

## FOUND DEAD ON RIVER ST.

Woman in House Tried in Vain to Rouse  
Montpelier Man Who Had Stayed  
There Last Night, Only to Dis-  
cover He Was Dead.

A telephone message to the police sta-  
tion shortly before eleven o'clock this  
forenoon stated that there was a dead  
man at 23 River street, the house occu-  
pied by Mrs. J. M. Steenbarger; and the  
police, together with State's Attorney  
Gates, who happened to be in the sta-  
tion, went down there and found Patrick  
Starkey of Montpelier, lying lifeless on  
a bed. Dr. P. S. Duffy had been called,  
and subsequently Dr. M. D. Lamb, the  
city health officer, was called, together  
with M. R. Nichols of the board of health.  
State's Attorney Gates began an in-  
vestigation of the case, and he at first  
stated that an autopsy would probably  
have to be made, since the physicians  
were not sure what caused death. Later,  
the physicians having decided that acute  
alcoholism was the cause, he stated that  
no autopsy would be held. State's At-  
torney Gates said that there were no  
suspicious circumstances in connection  
with the case.

Mrs. Steenbarger and the two other  
women occupants of the house said that  
Starkey came up from Montpelier last  
night and stayed all night, as he was  
accustomed to do quite frequently. When  
he did not get up this morning, they did  
not bother him, but in the middle of the  
forenoon one of them called to him and  
asked him if he intended to sleep all day.  
Getting no response, she started to shake  
him and then the suspicion dawned on  
her that the man was dead.

The physician was summoned, and Ed-  
die DeForge, who was passing by the  
house, was asked to notify the police,  
which he did. The police knew Starkey  
well, for he had been up in the local  
police court, as well as the Montpelier  
court. The man had spent the greater  
part of the winter in the Washington  
county jail, serving for intoxication, hav-  
ing been last sentenced for 90 days. He  
was released by Sheriff Tracy March 1.  
Starkey's Attorney Gates says that the  
man had been released from Sheriff Tracy's  
care only a few days ago.

Starkey was only 25 years of age and  
unmarried. His occupation was that of  
a housepainter. The young man's father  
resides in Montpelier and is highly con-  
sidered there.

## PRINTERS STAYED AWAY.

Did Not Go to Work in Brattleboro Shop  
Yesterday.

Brattleboro, March 30.—Five of the  
union printers in the office of the Ver-  
mont Printing company refused to go to  
work yesterday, owing to a difference of  
opinion between them and the company.  
There is not a printers' union in town,  
and heretofore both union and non-union  
men have been employed.

Recently labor agitators have been sent  
to Brattleboro from outside sources to  
talk up the formation of a local union,  
but the proposition has met with little  
encouragement. A quiet result, however,  
in striking up the question as to whether  
it was necessary for a man to belong  
to the union in order to work for the  
Vermont Printing company. In the case  
of one employee, some of the union men  
agreed that they would not work unless  
he consented to apply for membership  
in the union.

The company took the ground that  
this attitude was unnecessary and unre-  
asonable in view of local conditions, and  
because the men insisted that he could  
not work without joining the union he  
was discharged. Therefore the union men  
walked out.

## SIMPLE SERVICES

To Be Held in Washington for Late  
Justice Brewer.

Washington, D. C., March 30.—Follow-  
ing simple services over the body of  
the late Justice D. J. Brewer to-morrow  
afternoon at his late home, where the  
members of the supreme court bench  
will attend, in a body, the remains will  
be sent by special train to Leavenworth,  
Kansas, where, after arrival Saturday,  
it will be interred, the members of the  
court acting as pall bearers.

## GOVERNOR SATISFIED

With Progress Made on Ventilating Sys-  
tem at State House.

Governor Proctor was at the State  
House in Montpelier to-day for an in-  
spection of the work done toward per-  
fecting a ventilating system. He ex-  
pressed himself as well pleased with the  
progress which has been made.

## ROAD COMMISSIONERS MET

To-day in Burlington to Talk Matters  
Over.

Burlington, March 30.—The town  
highway commissioners attended a con-  
ference here to-day, talking over the  
road-building plans in the county with  
State Road Commissioner Gates and the  
new county supervisor, Harold Stevens  
of Burlington.

## The Fine Distinction.

Black—I buy all of my wife's dresses.  
Brown—So do I, but I never pick them  
out.—St. Louis Star.

## He Knows.

Teacher—Now, Willie, tell us one of  
the principal events in Roman history,  
and mention the date.  
Willie—Mars Antony went to Egypt  
for his date with Cleopatra.—Har-  
per's Bazar.

## TALKED TAX MATTERS.

Forty Listers in Windham County Met  
at Brattleboro.

Brattleboro, March 30.—Forty listers  
of towns in Windham county, represent-  
ing 19 communities, gathered here yester-  
day, when the first meeting of the listers  
of Windham county was held. Carl  
P. Hopkins presided and ex-Con-  
gressman Kittredge Hasbain was elected  
chairman. H. H. Chamberlain being sec-  
retary. Matters relative to the quadren-  
nial appraisal of property were thor-  
oughly discussed.

State Tax Commissioner J. E. Cushman  
of Burlington spoke on the subject.  
The listers exchanged ideas relative to  
the procedure of appraisals and the vari-  
ous methods by which the worth of  
properties could be shown. Yesterday's  
meeting was the first of its kind ever  
held in Windham county. Five towns  
were not represented.

## WHITE-HOLT.

Marriage of Barre Young People This  
Forenoon.

Miss Mildred A. Holt, daughter of Mr.  
and Mrs. H. A. Holt, and Ezra L. White  
were united in marriage at 10:30 o'clock  
this morning by the Rev. P. M. McKenna  
at the parsonial residence. They were  
attended by Milton Julius and Miss  
Elizabeth White, a sister of the groom.  
The couple left immediately after the  
ceremony for a wedding trip. Both Mr.  
and Mrs. White are well known and  
popular young people of the city, and  
their many friends join in wishing them  
happiness. Mr. White for several years  
has been a popular clerk in F. H. Rogers  
& company's store. The bride was grad-  
uated from Spaulding high school last  
June.

BURGLAR LOOSE  
IN JEWELRY STOREE. O. Holmes and Barre Book Store  
Broken into Last Night—Little  
Was Taken.

The jewelry store of Elmer O. Holmes  
in the Gordon block was entered last  
night and a small amount of goods stol-  
en from his store and from that of C. W.  
Martin, the newsdealer, who occupies a  
part of the store with Mr. Holmes. The  
thief got in through a window in the door  
in the rear of the store. One pane of  
glass was broken out of the door, and  
the person crawled in through the open-  
ing, which is about 12 by 24 inches.

The goods taken, the proprietors say,  
will not amount to over \$25. An imper-  
ial dollar watch and a few pieces of  
silver were taken from the jewelry store  
and several fountain pens belonging to  
Mr. Martin are missing. No money was  
taken, and the safe and cash register  
were not molested. Most of the jewelry  
was locked up in the safe.

The thief had an easy chance to break  
out the glass and crawl through the door,  
while entirely unseen, as the door which  
opens out of the block into the alley  
between the block and Miles' block is  
never locked. Opening this door, he  
walked into a dark anteroom to the  
door which opens into the back part of  
the store. There is no alarm in the thief,  
but it is thought to have been the work  
of an amateur.

## J. O. MIDDLEBROOK DEAD.

Burlington Man Had Sustained Shock  
of Paralysis.

Burlington, March 30.—James Oliver  
Middlebrook died last evening at his  
home, 29 South Willard street. Mr.  
Middlebrook had been ill since about the  
first of the year and some six weeks  
ago he had a shock of paralysis. His  
funeral will be held from the house to-  
morrow afternoon at 4:30.

Mr. Middlebrook was born in Salisbury  
Connecticut, N. Y., November 5, 1841, and  
was, therefore, 69 years of age. He be-  
gan his business career in Troy, N. Y.,  
and came to Burlington in 1